

Topeka, via highway 40, Douglas - Shawnee Cos., Kansas

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Census of birds and mammals from city limits of Lawrence to City Limits of Topeka & part of return trip, 9031.4  
 mileage at home 402 Yorkshir Dr., Lawrence at 9:00 A.M.  
 Few high cirrus to <sup>W</sup>, rest of sky clear and slight wind from S. Turkey vulture. barn swallows. Kanwaka.  
 2 barn swallows. Big Springs. Shawnee Co. line. 48.9  
 300 bank swallows in an area 300 feet long and concentrating on insect feeding, no swallows (bank) before this concentration of birds. Striped Skunk road hill.  
 50.2 now at <sup>east</sup> curve of road that leads straight into Topeka, still in Douglas Co., Tecumseh road. It is surprising that there are so few birds in the country and even in residential area, approaching Topeka. Shawnee Co. Lake turnoff. Topeka City limits. The few birds is reminiscence of the few birds we observed in same general area on return from vacation. (Aug. 18, 1979).

now returning to Lawrence, on highway 24 at 1:15 P.M., at Soldier Cr. 644. Temp 88°F, 2 barn swallows, 2 cowbird barn swallows. At Thompsonville approx. 150 barn swallows on sloping side of roof of a home, a very localized aggregate. Continued W to road that leads N, thence over the top and to W end of Perry dam (2:00 <sup>2:00</sup> 4:00 P.M.). Parked car and fished (fly) between 2:00 and 4:00 P.M. Caught 1 carp. 14 inches standard length, 3 striped bass, averaging 8 inches long, 1 striped bass 11 inches long, 1 Crappie 10 inches long, 4 bluegills each 6 inches long. No small fish. Fished from W end end N along W side of lake. In the two hours fishing, noted 1 Kingfisher which flew by to the S., 2 groups of Forster Terns (1 of 3 and a second of 6). 1 ring-billed gull and no other kinds of birds. Return to car and continued E across dam. Approx 40 bank swallows generally distributed across dam. Mourning dove at E end dam. SE crossroads of reservoir property. 4 barn swallows, 2 barn swallows, mourning dove, mourning dove. No E on (438 Co. Road). Farmers, 1 turnpike (parallels regular turnpike E of Tecumseh. 4 barn swallows, 2 mourning doves. Country side green. except some fields of cultivated. 2 barn swallows, meadow lark, barn swallow, 4 barn swallows, yellow-billed cuckoo, barn swallow, meadowlark Harold & Peterson Rd and end of census. In Topeka took the following photos 790818-1 to 790818-13 <sup>Capital and</sup> grounds.